

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, May 3, 1904, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. May 3, 1904. Dear Mabel:

Glad to receive your note today — and know that your first impressions of Mr. Borglum are good. You generally gauge men well by first impressions. I will run up to New York by midnight train tomorrow and go with you to see him. Is he a bachelor or a married man — a widower or a divorcee? Can you find out from Miss Tarbell or someone else — some man of our acquaintance who knows him. I want to talk with a man about him. I want to know also what arrangements are proposed — terms and etc.

I did not sleep last night at all — and had to get up early — as a message came from the White House, that President Roosevelt would see Miss Lottie Bailey (the deaf girl who called here on Monday) at 10:45 A.M. I took her and Mrs. Clarke and the little boy (Stewart) to the White House where they were received most graciously by the President. It was the event of their lives. I returned here and slept all day — awaking late this afternoon refreshed and well.

Tell my little Daidums that I am coming up to New York to help her — not to criticize her.

Your loving husband, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, New York.